

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson D. Dale Mohr.

Prayer for guidance by Chad Tuttle

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Installation of Clerk

Roll Call

Members present: D. Dale Mohr, Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle, Richard VanderKlok, Jim Wierenga, Brett Strick (Note: Del South resigned as of January 27, 2012)

Also present: Daniel Carlton (Township Superintendent)

Absent: none

#120213-01 - Approval of agenda as presented for February 13, 2012

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120213-02 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:

- a. Finance Committee meetings minutes of [February 9, 2012](#)
- b. Election Commission meeting minutes of [January 23, 2012](#)
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes of [January 25, 2012](#)
- d. [Email](#) from Joy Adrianson with a sign suggestion
- e. [GL report](#) for January 31, 2012
- f. Library report for [October 2011](#)
- g. [Understanding Road Funding](#)

#120213-03 - Public Comments

No one was present to make public comments at this time.

#120213-04 - Consent agenda

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to grant the following:

- a. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting held on [January 23, 2012](#).
- b. Approval of the regular monthly bills for [February 13, 2012](#) and [January utility bills](#).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120213-05 - Appoint a Trustee

The following people submitted applications. All except Michell Geysbeek were present and spoke of their qualifications:

Jon Cade
Michell Geysbeek
Jason Minier
Steven Sanders
John Schwalm
Linda VanSprange

There was discussion about the procedure for appointing a trustee.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to proceed by ranking the candidates and to invite the top three candidates selected to come to the next Board meeting to be asked identical questions and any additional questions the Board members have could be asked, with a 15 minute maximum per interview.

There was discussion about amending the motion to strike out the words “next Board meeting” and change the words to “the meeting to be determined.”

Moved by Brett Strick, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to amend the motion to strike out the words “the top three candidates” and replace with the words “all eligible candidates.”

Vote for amendment to the motion:

Yeas: Chad Tuttle, Brett Strick, Carol Scholma
Nays: Jim Wierenga, D. Dale Mohr, Richard VanderKlok

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to amend the motion to change the words “next Board meeting” to “a special Board meeting.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Brett Strick to amend the motion to eliminate the 15 minimum time period for each interview.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by Carol Scholma, to table the motion in order to conduct a ranking with the intention for the ranking to be compiled immediately.

Yeas: Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle,
Nays: D. Dale Mohr, Brett Strick, Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok

MOTION DEFEATED.

Motion before the board as amended:

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to proceed by ranking the candidates and to invite the top three candidates selected to come to a special Board meeting to be asked identical questions and any additional questions the Board members have could be asked, with a 15 minute maximum per interview.

Yeas: D. Dale Mohr, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle, Jim Wierenga
Nays: Brett Strick

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Brett Strick to eliminate Jason Minier as a candidate because he did not give a complete answer to Brett Strick's question and he was not an eligible candidate because of the open contract with the Township.

THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

The Board members completed the ranking sheet and gave them to the Township Superintendent.

#120213-06 - PUD Approval Extension Request

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to approve the request for approval extension for PUD0802 (Appletree Learning Center PUD located at 2935, 2917, 2903, and 2887 Port Sheldon), to extend the time frame by two years from 7/16/12 to 7/16/14, for a final development phase to be submitted no later 7/16/14, as requested in the [letter](#).

Note: The Finance Committee placed the item on the agenda.
The preliminary plan was approved on August 25, 2008 and the first final development plan was approved on July 16, 2008. One extension was previously approved on 4-26-10 to extend the approvals from 7/16/10 to 7/16/12. This would be the second extension.

Excerpt of the Zoning Ordinance: Sec. 22.8 FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATION. Approval Time Extension: *Upon request to the Township Board and in accordance with Section 22.13, A, 1 and 2, the time frames may be extended for a reasonable period of time.)*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120213-07 - Select a Planner for the Beautification Project

Moved by Brett Strick, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to accept the bid from Design + for the beautification project.

Yeas: D. Dale Mohr, Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle, Brett Strick
Nays: Jim Wierenga

MOTION CARRIED.

#120213-08 - Public Comment

No one in the audience made a public comment at this time.

#120213-09 - Discussion and General information

Richard VanderKlok talked about a board survey he had presented to the Board. Chad Tuttle presented information he obtained at the MTA Conference. Carol Scholma presented information she had obtained at a class at the conference. Chad Tuttle thanked Linda VanSprange for her comments on government. Brett Strick commented on the Township's identity.

The Township Superintendent presented the [ranking](#) of the candidates as a result of the written ballot. He announced that there was a two-way tie for third place with Jon Cade, Jason Minier, Steven Sanders and John Schwalm as the top three positions. The consensus of the Board was to interview all four since they were ranked in the top three positions.

#120213-10 - Closed Session for Property Negotiations

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to go to closed session for property negotiations at 9:00 p.m.

Note: The Finance Committee recommended approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120213-11 - Open Session

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Carol Scholma, to go to open session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#120213-12 – Special Meeting

After verifying that all Board members were available, the Supervisor called a special Board meeting for February 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the candidate interviews and any other business that may come before the Board.

#120213-13 - Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Dale Mohr, Supervisor

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk